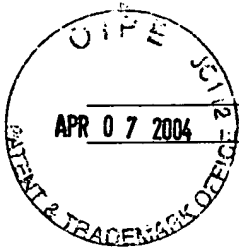


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Information Disclosure Statement,
2. PTO Form-1449,
3. Copies of three (3) references, and
4. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required. The Commissioner is nevertheless hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

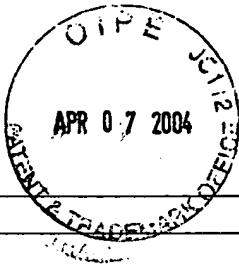
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the enclosed PTO Form 1449. Copies of these references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

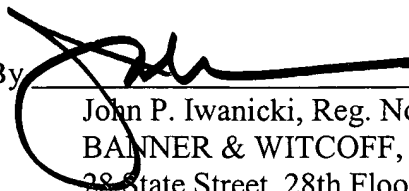
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